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## BETHEL LOCALS.

### Items of Interest. What Our People Talk About.

"A City That is Set on a Hill Cannot Be Hid."

G. R. Wiley was in Portland Saturday.

W. W. Bird of Albany was in town last Saturday.

Geo. I. Burnham of Gilead was in town Friday.

E. I. Brown of Rumford Falls was in town Friday.

Arthur G. Wiley was in town a few days last week.

Miss Edith Grover of the News office was in Lewiston Saturday.

Major W. Hastings was drawn as jurymen for the May term of court.

Mrs. A. M. Burton of Corinna is in town visiting her brother, H. A. Packard.

J. M. Philbrook will load a car of cows and veal calves Monday May 3.

A. L. Morgan and family were visiting relatives in Norway last week.

Union Fast Day services were held at Garland Chapel Thursday evening.

The Ladies' Club will meet Thursday afternoon with Mrs. Purinton.

Mrs. Mary Ann Merrill arrived home from Portland Saturday afternoon.

Chas. C. Warren Esq., of Fryeburg, is in the law office with Judge Frye.

Ceylon Rowe went to Boston Tuesday to purchase his stock of spring goods.

Rev. A. Hamilton will preach at Mason next Sunday afternoon, at three o'clock.

The Literary Society will meet to-morrow afternoon at the home of Mrs. H. E. Andrews.

Mrs. William Stone of Portland is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Wormell.

Berto Bryant, who is attending Bowdoin College, was in town for a few days last week.

Mr. Hugh Pendexter of Lewiston, began his services as principal of the grammar school, Monday.

Peter C. Fickett was in town Thursday. He has just been appointed Post Master at West Paris.

The subject of the discourse at the M. E. church next Sunday morning will be, "Speaking for Jesus."

The Bethel Praying Band will hold a meeting at Newry Corner next Sunday afternoon, at three o'clock.

Mr. F. E. Gordon has had new and larger chimneys built in his house. The old ones were thought to be unsafe.

The members of the Epworth League were entertained last Monday evening at the home of Miss Lucy Fox.

Health and vigor are essential for success. Therefore make yourself strong and healthy by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla.

The annual meeting of the Bethel Library Association will be held at the Library, Monday evening May 3, at 7.30 o'clock. Members are urgently requested to be present.

The Keeley Institute at Deering, Maine, has moved to 151 Congress St., Portland, Maine, on Munjoy Hill, in a new building with all modern improvements, sightly and healthy.

Many of our people have been moping, but few have had such success as Miss Burnham. Where she succeeded in finding such a beautiful bouquet, is something of a mystery.

There is an increasing interest in the bicycle contest. Remember that a new subscription counts 100, and that there are hundreds of people in Oxford county, who do not take the NEWS but who would if asked to do so.

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## PULPIT ECHOS.

### The Golden Rule.

SERMON BY REV. F. E. BARTON.

"All things therefore whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do ye also unto them; for this is the law and the prophets." Matt. 7:12.

What teacher to-day would dare to make such a sweeping declaration as that? To put all the technicalities of law into one sentence; notice the ground it covers: "The law and the prophets"—all the law found in the Old Testament.

Jesus was surrounded by men who were critical and hostile; and when he uttered these words, he was not addressing the multitude of common people so much as the Scribes and Pharisees, who were dark, shrewd teachers of the law.

Consequently Christ carefully weighed his words. He was brought face to face with a sort of moral prudery and pedantry, which strained the wine lest a fly might have fallen into it and made it unclean, but made no trouble of swallowing a camel. With all their lip veneration, they set little value on the spirit of the law itself.

They were more taken up with the technicalities of the same. In our text we find a touch that makes the whole world kin.

Many of the rules formulated by the wise are for isolated cases, but here is one that creates a sentiment and a sympathy which effects humanity at large. No wonder it is called the "Golden Rule." "All things therefore whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do ye also unto them."

This precept makes religion something more than a form, or a ceremony, for it makes it a matter of thought and reflection. A large part of the religious creeds are taken mechanically, as a matter of duty, with a feeling that we must believe something whether we understand it or not. But here is a compact creed, so comprehensive that it starbles us.

Since Roman law was first given to the world, it seems as if we might have enough to cover every possible case that may be presented. But such is not the fact, and for that reason many a criminal escapes sentence, or many a simple case is protracted by the intricacy of legal argument. Every session of legislature brings out new laws to cover new and special cases.

As minute as were the technicalities of the Mosaic code, still it did not cover the entire ground of the moral law. No doubt the Saviour thought of this when he gave to the world the text we are considering this morning. In giving this text to the world, he has condensed the wisdom of all ages into the brief sentence that is before us. Compared to the heavy armor of Saul, as represented in catechisms in general, the text before us is as a stone from the brook; powerful as a weapon, to overcome evil in any form. To begin with, it is wisdom from a Divine source. It was given to the world by one who knew the world, in all its human weakness, selfishness, and bigotry. "All things, therefore, whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do ye also unto them." That is, you know how you like to be treated; you know how you yearn for the sympathy of others, especially at certain times. Very well; set the example by treating others the same way; throw your influence on the side of the moral law, which is the law of love. After speaking in a special manner of several virtues, the Apostle declares, "that if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely: 'Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself'; for the reason that love worketh no ill to thy neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law."

Now in making a practical application of these words I have selected, must we not confess, in looking around about us, that there is a wide spread reluctance to do for others quite what people would most gladly do for themselves? To begin with, how prone we are to justify whatever others may condemn in us, and condemn in others the things we do ourselves. I apprehend that pride holds an important place in the solution of this problem. There are many to whom it would be a delight to sacrifice their personal interests in behalf of those who have befriended them. But how is it in regard to those who are generally considered in the light of enemies. How difficult to say: "Ah, here he is; he served me a mean trick the other day, but now I have an opportunity to do him a good turn." Rather than this, is it not more common for the common-run of folks to say, "This is just what I have been waiting for. That lie you told about me the

## Letter to the News.

Mason, Me.

Editor Bethel News:

We are very glad to see that Col. C. S. Edwards has concluded to continue his reminiscences of the war; I was a member of the old, fighting Sixth Corps and often saw the Colonel and his Bethel company. I saw him in many hard places, such as Fredericksburg, Spotsylvania and Rappahannock Station, where his regiment plucked "old glory" in the rebel breast-works and came out with a brigade of rebel prisoners. I well remember seeing him at the bloody angle, where he cautioned me to move very carefully as the rebel sharpshooters were firing at everything that they saw move. I was much interested in his sketch of General Sedgwick; he was a brave and good officer, beloved by all. I was but a few feet from him when he was shot; the bullet struck him in the corner of the right eye and lodged in the brain. I think he lived about two hours.

In every battle in which the Fifth Maine was engaged, I never heard that any of the Bethel company or any of that regiment showed the white feather.

We think the Colonel could interest all, should he take up the line of march over South Mountain and the battle-field of Antietam, the Wilderness, Spotsylvania, up the Peninsula with McClellan, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, and around to Fort Hall, and give us a historical sketch of the moving of the army in general. I am more than interested in his writing and hope he may live to give a long history of the war in continuation of his Reminiscences of the Bethel Company.

Yours fraternally,

Addison S. Bean.

Private Comp. G, 65th Regiment N. Y. Volunteers.

## INTERESTING FACTS.

The largest city in the United States not on any navigable river is Indianapolis, Ind.

The highest railroad in the United States is the Denver & Rio Grande, Marshall Pass, 10,853 feet.

The longest line of railroad in the world is the Union and Central Pacific, consolidated, 1,866 miles.

The Mississippi is the only tideless river of the United States flowing into the ocean or Gulf of Mexico.

The highest tide in the United States is reached at Eastport, Me., 218 inches; the lowest at Galveston, Texas, 13 inches.

Ten years ago there were but six concerns in the United States engaged in the manufacture of bicycles with a capacity for turning out only 10,000 wheels or thereabouts. By 1890 the number of factories had arisen to 17, with an output of 40,000 machines. Since then the number of factories has increased very rapidly. In 1895 there were more than 500 manufacturing while the number of machines turned out was 600,000.

For the year 1896, the output is estimated at fully 1,000,000 of a value amounting to \$60,000,000. The capital invested is \$90,000,000.

## My Neighbor Told Me

About Hood's Sarsaparilla and advised me to try it. This is the kind of advertising which gives Hood's Sarsaparilla the largest sales in the world. Friend tells friend that Hood's Sarsaparilla cures; that it gives strength, health, vitality and vigor, and whole neighborhoods use it as a family medicine.

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## Home Conversation.

Children hunger perpetually for new ideas, and the most pleasant way of reception is by the voice and the ear, not the eye and the printed page. The one mode is natural, the other artificial. Who would not rather listen than read? We not unfrequently pass by in the papers a full report of a lecture, and then go and pay our money to hear the self-same words uttered. An audience will listen closely from the beginning to the end of an address which not one in twenty of those present would read with the same attention. This is emphatically true of children. They will learn with pleasure from the lips of parents what they deem it drudgery to study in the books; and even if they have the misfortune to be deprived of educational advantages which they desire, they can't fail to grow up intelligent if they enjoy in childhood and youth the privilege of listening daily to the conversation of intelligent people. Let parents, then, talk much and well at home. A father who is habitually silent in his own house may be, in many respects, a wise man; but he is not wise in his silence. We sometimes see parents who are the life of every company which they enter, dull, silent, uninteresting at home among their children. If they have not mental activity and mental stores sufficient for both, let them first provide for their own household. Ireland exports beef and wheat, and lives on potatoes; and they fare as poorly who reserve their social charms for companions abroad, and keep their dullness for home consumption. It is better to instruct children and make them happy at home, than it is to charm strangers or amuse friends. A silent house is a dull place for young people, a place from which they will escape if they can. They will talk or think of being "shut up" there; and the youth who does not love home is in danger. Make home then, a cheerful and pleasant spot. Light it up with cheerful, instructive conversation. Father, mother, talk your best at home.

## Obituary.

Mrs. Sophia Curtis died in Avon, Mass., at the home of her niece, Mrs. A. M. Butler, on April 13th, aged 74 years and 4 months. She was the widow of the late Kingsbury Curtis of West Paris, and daughter of Amos and Sophia (Bradbury) Young of Bethel. She was a very smart enterprising woman, a member of the Methodist church, and respected by all who knew her. Eight years ago she had a shock and has been gradually failing ever since. Three weeks ago she was stricken down with heart disease, and suffered terribly; but passed away at last, calm as the bursting of summer flowers.

She has made her home with her sister, Mrs. Lothrop of Braintree, Mass., for the past year, but was visiting her sister, Mrs. M. S. Kimball, formerly of Bethel, at the time of her death. She was brought to West Paris and laid to rest by the side of her husband.

Many thanks are due the West Paris people for favors and sympathy shown by the relatives of the deceased while performing the last sad rites of burial.

Bethel will have its Fourth of July celebration and that of the 50th anniversary of its incorporation will be on July 5th will be the date, and the Bethel city council has already raised \$1,000 for the purpose.

## WOMEN'S CHIT-CHAT.

### "From Grave to Gay, From Lively to Severe."

SUNDAY: "Nothing that happens in this world happens by chance. God is a God of order." Drummond.

MONDAY: Experience is a dumb, dead thing, The victory's in believing." Lowell.

TUESDAY: "Not suffering, but faint heart is worst of woes." Lowell.

WEDNESDAY: "Though I own up I like our backward springs Thet kind o' haggle with their greens an' things, An' when you most give up 't'bout more words Toss the fields full o' blossoms, leaves an' birds." Lowell.

THURSDAY: "What an antiseptic is a pure life." Lowell.

FRIDAY: "Nex' thing to knowin' you're well off is not to know when y' ain't." Lowell.

SATURDAY: "A creature not too bright or good For human nature's daily food, For transient sorrows, simple wiles, Praise, blame, kisses, love, tears, smiles." Lowell.

## THE HOME-MAKER, CONCLUDED.

If, then, we would adopt the customs of royalty and simplify our furnishings, we should bring in the "living-room" in place of the parlor. What a change would come over a home when such a room was opened for daily use. Does it seem nothing to a tired man coming home from his work to know that he is expected in such a winsome place? And won't Johnnie see for himself that muddy boots do not seem to exactly belong "in there?" And won't Araminta Emeline lose the habit of bestowing her outer wardrobe upon several unsuitable articles of furniture? Do not voices soften, manners improve, and hearts lighten in such surroundings? And, finally, does not the whole home, in time, take on a different appearance, when from a pleasing centre there radiates such a light upon its different departments?

The great changes do not cost money, but they cost brains. A well-appointed home is the height of a woman's ideal, and to secure this aim is less difficult than one would imagine, since it does not so much require an expenditure of money, as the knowledge of the requirements of refined living.

The Observer was once fortunate enough to see this exemplified in a household where every penny must be spent to the utmost advantage in all household expenditures—and this was such a perfectly-appointed home! The guest-chamber was absolutely luxurious in its carefully considered arrangements for comfort, yet the easy-chair was made from a barrel, the couch from a packing-box, its cushion and Afghan were unmistakably "crazy," the waste-basket began life as a peach-crate, and the toilet-cushion was evolved from a strawberry-box. There was a table with a well-filled ink-stand, fresh pens a generous blotter, and also a thoughtfully-appointed work-basket. From the comfortable bed, with its cheescloth "comforter," to the buttonhook, nothing was lacking that was necessary to the most perfect sense of well-being.

The table was equally carefully managed, although the napkins and tray cloths were made from a partially-worn table-cloth. There was no domestic to aid in serving the simple, though most appetizing meal, but it was made to seem an unfortunate thing that one should ever receive service from anything less fine than from that delft and clever woman's ministrations. That hostess could have done no better in a Fifth Ave. brown stone front,—all the difference would be in the quality of the furnishings—the quality of her thought was already perfect.

She was mistress of any situation—the woman of boundless resources; place her where you will, she is sure to create a home that would be a model of refinement and comfort under any circumstances.

The table may be as simple as health and economy could ask, yet such a presence can dignify it. There need be no butler behind the presiding chair, but there must be a wide-awake woman in it, and one who is sufficiently ambitious to wish to keep abreast of the times as regards table-manners and appointments. These are legitimate ambitions, and independent of money.

"Give me money and I will carry out ideas," saith mediocrity.

"Give me perceptions, and ideas shall blossom into ideals, with or without money," replies the woman of brains.

Once upon a time it was the Observer's great, good fortune to live for several weeks in the same house

## With Helen Hunt Jackson, the "H. H. of well-known literary fame," who has been called by reason of her exquisite sonnets, the American Mrs. Browning—and it was a rare privilege to be brought into daily contact with such a wonderfully gifted woman; to walk with her through autumn woods and hear prose change into poetry upon her lips; to drive with her through solemn woods, and see her eyes fill with light as she spoke of deep and searching life-questions; to listen by the open fire, she loved to feed with pine cones, as she talked with marvelous brilliancy and wit, were never to be forgotten experiences. But all these varied signs of power never made such a vivid impression of superiority as did her gift of home-making. Wherever she was her individuality impressed itself upon her surroundings, and the Observer never felt herself more highly honored than in being asked to spend evenings in the little parlor "H. H." had created out of the uncompromising chamber of a summer hotel. The first impression upon entering this room, and the last one too, was of luxurious elegance, and not till she merrily disclosed her methods, could one believe that so much comfort and charm could be created out of such every-day materials.

It was late in the autumn and she had spent many afternoons in collecting and pressing autumn leaves, taking whole branches, and ferns of all kinds and sizes. Around the low ceiling she had arranged the most exquisite frieze of pressed blackberry branches, choosing shades of red, darkening into deep browns. In one corner stood a butter-jar painted a dull green, and filled with branches of the beech from the darkest brown up through vivid gold to pale straw-color. The rear branches nearly reached the ceiling, and the mass of coloring was a thing of beauty never to be forgotten. The common lace curtains were glorified by exquisite little garlands of the most vivid sprays of autumn leaves, fastened upon invisible wire, and trailing over the white folds in curves and colors that would have been the despair of artists: each picture hanging in its simple frame upon the wall was re-framed by the lovely wreathing evergreens, and great sheafs of ferns spread an exquisite screen of tender green and fairy-like tracings before an invisible lamp cunningly concealed behind them. Ah, she was a magician—working wonders with commonest materials!

Every photograph upon the table had a story; every book was a loved friend, and resting on a couch, that filled a corner and was piled with pine needle, sweet clover, and sweet fern pillows in Turkey-red and denim covers, one looked out into a bit of exquisite living, and learned a lesson.

To sum up all that the Observer can say in this closing article upon this most vital subject, she would beg every woman happy enough to be the centre of a home to give its best to those she loves the best, never forgetting that a man has the right to receive in his home a return for the labor of his life. The finer the nature he has linked with his own the surer he will be to receive his just dues, and to the womanly woman there is nothing but gladness in this demand upon her, for the life of the home is simply an expression of her inner life, and to make its appointments and comforts level with the means her husband's industry supplies—is the great object of her life.

If the mistake has been made of furnishing beyond the power of replacing, acknowledge the blunder, get the obstacles out of sight, or shabby as soon as possible. The quality of your furnishings never made your husband and children one whit the happier, but the fact that they felt that there was nothing in all the home as precious as they will make an immense difference in the quality of their lives. Simplify everything, therefore, that makes it hard to enjoy the best life daily. Give up the dainty trifles that cannot bear usage, select only such things as can be replaced without ruin, and then take your best rooms to hold your best treasures—they will appreciate it when they see it is done for their good and happiness.

Remember that it is the spirit of home that makes a home out of a house, and resolve that whatever comes short in the summing up of the thousand and one details of house-keeping, that a merry, loving, unselfishness shall be so interwoven with the actual living that like a golden thread it shall remain in the web of life when the sordid little knots and "nubby" ends of failures shall have fallen off into forgetfulness.

The duties of house-keeping are exacting and imperative, but they are the means to an end, not the end itself, and the whole great problem of house-keeping seems condensed into the text, "The letter killeth, but the spirit maketh alive," while the motto found graven on the inside of an old English wedding-ring, "Each for the other, and both for God," must be also graven on the heart of every true home-maker.

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## WANTS, LOST, ETC.

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# THE COUNTY NEWS.

Short Paragraphs Collected by Our Correspondents, for the NEWS.

**To Correspondents.**  
Each week we are obliged to omit items from these columns owing to their coming in too late for publication, and to avoid this, we respectfully ask that all items be sent so that we may receive them as early as Tuesday morning.  
We wish to express our appreciation of the assistance that our correspondents have given us in the past, and earnestly request that they continue to assist us in the future.

**WEST BETHEL.**  
"Oh, horror of horrors! I tremble with fear!"  
The house-cleaning season will shortly be here, and contents will be chaos and dear.  
And naught but disorder will reign! When home in the evening I weary return  
No tea will be ready, no bright light will burn,  
While I fall over something each way that I turn;  
The thought drives me nearly insane.  
Ponies will soon be in order.  
Blue sky and golden sunshine.  
Wallace E. Cummings of Albany was in this place on Thursday last.  
E. G. Wheeler rode out Sunday, for the first time since his sickness.  
Pedestrians already begin to seek the shady side of the streets.  
Such extremely warm and dry weather in April is positively wonderful.

Straw hats and linen dusters will soon be fashionable as well as comfortable.  
Young men and maidens now visit sunny slopes in search of arbutus blossoms.  
Miss Maud M. Merrow teaches the summer term of school in this village, commencing this week.  
The joyous May-day comes on Saturday which is fortunate for school children who desire to gather early wild flowers.  
Eat a pound of dried apple for breakfast, drink a quart of water for dinner, and you will not feel the need of any supper.

A. S. Bean's large drive of spruce pulp-wood, which has been run down Pleasant river from Albany and Mason, is now entering the Androscoggin.  
**NORTH FRYEBURG.**  
Bert Smith went to Brownfield last week.  
Dexter Charles has had men at work painting his house.  
Charles Smith has gone to Jackson to work this summer.  
Walton Charles is going to carry on the A. Wiley place this year.  
Selden Pinkham and M. Kneeland went to Jackson and Conway last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hill and Mrs. D. A. Brackett visited Mrs. S. A. Smith, Sunday.  
Loring Brown has been building a large martin house for John Bachelder and Frank Giles.  
Frank Knox and wife have engaged to work for John Bachelder the coming year. Mr. Knox intends to sell his stock and rent the house. Will cut the hay on his place and do some farming.

**NORWAY.**  
Principal Wiley of the High School, spent Fast day with his parents in Bethel.  
Our people are pleased to know that the next Maine Methodist conference will be held here.  
There will be sixteen graduated at the Norway High School this spring, five boys and eleven girls.  
Albert P. Bassett has been nominated by Gov. Powers for coroner. Mr. Bassett has served several terms before.

The Norway and South Paris branch of the Maine Musical Festival, gave a concert Tuesday evening, which was well attended and highly enjoyed by all.  
The Easter concert which occurred in the Baptist church, Sunday evening was well attended. The building was beautifully decorated, and the program was an interesting one.

**GREENWOOD.**  
Snow mostly gone, and now some rain wanted.  
Not much grass yet, although sheep have been getting their living in the pasture for a week.  
Frogs croaking, snakes out and crawling, swallows back again, and May-flowers in bloom; from all of which we infer that spring is here.

The schools in the Bryant, Center, and City districts commenced last Monday. First one taught by Lulu Penley, second by Florence Day, third by Fannie Brooks.  
Some of the farmers are clearing up more meadow land this spring, and they wish some of the poor city people had the down wood that is on it. It would supply them with fuel for some time.

The example of W. W. Brewer, justice of the peace and a prominent citizen of Mt. Jewett, Pa., is worthy of emulation. He says: "I never leave home without a bottle of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy and always recommend it to my friends. It is the best I ever used, and never fails to give immediate relief." For sale by G. R. Wiley, Bethel, and G. O. Jones, Bryant's Pond.

**MASON.**  
C. F. Brown is repairing his house.  
Solon Hutchinson went to Norway, Tuesday.  
George French of Bethel, was in town Saturday.  
J. C. Stiles of West Bethel, was in town Friday.  
School closed Wednesday for a week's vacation.

J. H. Bean of South Paris, was in town Thursday, on business.  
Anna Stiles has gone to Berlin, N. H. to work in a boarding house.  
Mrs. C. F. Brown and daughter Fannie, went to Portland, Saturday.  
**WILSON'S MILLS.**  
School commenced April 21st.  
F. A. Flint is driving his logs out of Abbott brook.

We are glad to hear that J. W. Clark who has been quite sick, is gaining.  
Martin L. Niles was called home the first of the week by the death of his father.  
J. W. Bucknam, is having his house painted. His father, J. W. Bucknam is doing the work.  
Mrs. John Olson has been quite sick. She was attended by Dr. J. A. Twaddle of Bethel.

**MAGALLOWAY.**  
The snow is about all gone.  
M. C. Linnell has sold two horses last week.  
Leonard Leavitt, the bear hunter, is at work for Lewis Leavitt.  
W. W. Linnell is at Richardson lake, building a boom for the B. M. Co.

R. A. Storey is in town looking after the sawing of the lumber for the bridge.  
The house of A. M. Littlehale came very near burning this week. Mr. Littlehale and his wife were away at the time.  
**NORTH PARIS.**  
School commenced April 19th.  
Mrs. Martha Andrews is in Portland visiting her son.

C. V. Kimball has moved into E. W. Dunham's rent.  
Everett Chase is at work in the rim factory at West Paris.  
C. Perry is out again after an illness of several months.  
**MARSHALL HILL.**  
George Briggs went to Bethel last Wednesday on business.  
Mr. William Rice called at George Briggs' Monday on business.

Charles Buck and family of Stoneham, visited at Isaiah Hazeltine's and Arriel Carver's last Saturday and Sunday.  
**MILAN N. H.**  
H. E. Ellingwood went to Boston last week.  
All the town schools commence next Monday.  
Dr. Julius Stahl of Berlin, was in town over Sunday.

Mr. Lewis Miller has come here to spend his vacation.  
Rev. Willis Holmes and wife have a young daughter.  
The men will get the supper at the next grange meeting.  
Mrs. Charles Knapp of Groveton, has been visiting in town.  
Emily Flint Rebekah Lodge went to Berlin the 15th, and instituted a Rebekah Lodge there.

## My New England Home.

Taken from the Bethel Courier of Jan. 4, 1891.

Talk not to me of other shores,  
Where nature's lavish hand,  
Her choicest and her richest stores  
Has scattered o'er the land.  
Talk not of Chili's boasted shores,  
Nor California's mines;  
Nor yet Columbia's fruitful farms,  
Or Switzerlan's clustered vines.  
Talk not to me of Southern shores,  
Where spices ever grow,  
Where Amazon's mighty fountain  
pours  
And balmy breezes blow.

Talk not to me of crystal streams,  
Where diamonds glisten bright—  
Where golden sand forever gleams  
In rays of purest light.  
I would not give my youthful home  
In my dear native land,  
For all the wealth that ever shone  
In Africa's golden sand.

Give me my land where I was born,  
In my New England home,  
The brightest picture ever drawn  
Shall never make me roam.  
Give me to quaff New England's rill,  
To roam New England's dale,  
Give me to climb her mountain hills,  
And view her spreading valleys.

Give me to die where I was born,  
I ask no liberty grave!  
The land of Liberty's first dawn,  
The home of the FREE and BRAVE.

**Eclipse of the Sun.**  
The next total eclipse of the sun visible in the United States, will occur on May 28, 1900, and it will last about two minutes. The path of totality comes up diagonally from Mexico, across Louisiana and Virginia, to the Atlantic Ocean, well south of New York and New England. On June 8, 1918, there will be another, visible along a narrow line extending from Oregon to Florida. Southern California and Mexico will be favored in 1923. Two years later another is scheduled to appear along a route beginning in North Dakota or Manitoba, and come out on the Maine coast. In 1932 there should be one starting in the Arctic regions, crossing Hudson's Bay and emerging near Portland, Me. These are the only total eclipses of the sun to be seen in this country which are billed for the next half-century. The solar eclipse to which astronomers are now devoting much thought is the one visible in India and China on January 22, next year. Totality will last about two minutes.

**ANIMALS AND MUSIC.**  
The Familiar Stable Call Brought the Stomping Horses Back.  
The editor of Thierford relates the following story of his personal experience of the sanguey of military horses. In the year 1872, during a skirmish with the Sioux Indians, "the Third cavalry regiment had formed an encampment in a valley on the southern border of Dakota. At nightfall the horses were tethered by a long line to the ground. Toward daybreak a violent storm of rain and hail burst over the valley. The terrified animals broke loose from their fastenings, and in their fright they rushed into the territory of the enemy. Without horses, at the mercy of the enemy, we should be lost. Yet it was impossible, in the half darkness, to go after them into an unknown country, as a last resource, ordered the stable call to be sounded. In a few minutes every horse had returned to the encampment, and we were saved."

A gentleman who was a finished musician resided some years ago at Darmstadt and kept a dog, which was the terror of all the singers and instrumentalists in the place, for it had the fatal habit of raising its face to heaven and howling whenever a false note was emitted. It never made a mistake, and well known singers were said to tremble when they saw their unwelcome judge, seated by his master's side, at concerts or at the opera, for Max was a regular member of the orchestra. He was never known to miss a new opera. Max was no respecter of persons, and when the singing was but a shade out he would attract the attention of the whole audience to it with a snarl and howl. It never made a mistake, and well known singers were said to tremble when they saw their unwelcome judge, seated by his master's side, at concerts or at the opera, for Max was a regular member of the orchestra. He was never known to miss a new opera. 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